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CHRISTMAS PRESENT!

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Neckties, Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs.

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WHITE SHIRTS AT VERY LOW PRICES.

WITH LAUNDRIED OR UNLAUNDRIED.

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Is always Up to the Times.

SECOND SHOE STORE WEST OF POST OFFICE.

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HOW IS THIS FOR PRICES:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Men's Putney Kip Boots, Women's Calf Pegged, etc.

Don't Forget the Place Second Shoe Store west of Post Office.

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FULLER, WARREN & CO.'S CELEBRATED

'Splendid Parlor'

For Anthracite Coal, The Finest Stove in the World.

FOR SALE BY JOHN EBERT BRO.

OPIMUM and Morphine habit absolutely not

FARMER'S DINING HALL!

West Side of Old Square, DECATUR, ILLS.

Meals, 25 Cents.

IT WASN'T THE TOOTHACHE.

In the ladies' waiting-room of the Central Depot the other day were a newly married couple from Grass Lake.

"The husband looked up in surprise, but made no answer. After two or three minutes the long-waisted man again remarked:

"If that woman has got the toothache I've got a bottle of peppermint in my satchel here."

The bride rolled her big white eyes around, and the husband looked somewhat embarrassed. The man from down East unlocked his satchel, and brought out four ounces of peppermint essence. He uncorked it, touched the contents of the bottle against his big red tongue, and, handing it forward toward the husband, feelingly said:

"Just have her sop some on a rag and rub her gums with it. We've used it in our family for years."

The bride's eyes threw out sparks as she lifted her head from its loving position, and, striking at the bottle, she snarled out:

"Toothache, you idiot! If you don't know the difference 'twixt true love and the toothache, you'd better pick grass with the geese!"

"My Lord!" gasped the man; and he hurried out, with his satchel in one hand and the bottle in the other.—Detroit Free Press.

HARD WORK.

"What is your secret?" asked a lady of Turner, the distinguished painter. He replied, "I have no secret, madam, but hard work."

"The difference between one man and another is not so much in talent as in energy," said Reynolds, "is denied well-directed labor, and nothing is to be obtained without it."

"Excellence in any department," says Johnson, "can now be attained by the labor of a lifetime, but it is not to be purchased at a lesser price."

"There is but one method," said Sidney Smith, "and that is hard labor; and a man who will not pay that price for distinction had better at once dedicate himself to the pursuit of a fox."

"Step by step," reads the French proverb, "one goes very far." "Nothing," says Mitcheam, "is impossible to a man who can will. This is the only law of success."

The pledge of the Royal Purple movement is as follows:

"Having seen and felt the evils of intemperance, I, the undersigned, for my own good and for the good of the world in which I live, do hereby promise and agree, with the help of Almighty God, never to make, buy, sell, use, furnish, or cause to be furnished to others, as a beverage, any alcoholic or malt liquors—wine, beer and cider included. I also further promise to use all honorable means in my power to advance the cause of temperance."

Sound Reasons for Faith.

The American people are shrewd and observant. They are not often deceived by sham pretensions, but when they are, they soon discover their error. If Hostetler's Stomach Bitters had been a sham, they would long since have discarded it; but finding that there was not a chain put forth in its behalf that its curative properties did not justify, they immediately gave it the preference to every article of its class.

Time has only served to strengthen their faith, and has increased its popularity to an extent almost beyond parallel, even in this age of successful proprietary medicines. It ranks foremost among the standard preparations of the day, and is endorsed by the medical fraternity and the newspaper press. It overcomes and prevents fever and ague and other malarial disorders, with venous certainty, tones the system, banishes dyspepsia, remedies constipation and liver complaint, relieves gout, rheumatism, and affections of the bladder and kidneys.

Dec 10—dwdkwyf

HOW IT IS DONE.

The first object in life with the American people is to "get rich;" the second, how to retain good health. The first can be obtained by energy, the second by using Carey's August Flower.

Should you be a dependent sufferer from any of the effects of Dyspepsia, Liver Complaint, Indigestion, etc., such as Sick Headaches, Painful Stomach, Bloating, Dizziness, Flatulent Eructations, Low Spirits, etc., you need not suffer another day.

Two doses of August Flower will relieve you at once. Sample bottles 10 cents. Regular size 75 cents. Positively sold by all first-class druggists in the U. S., and by A. J. Storer, B. P. Gao & Son and The Hildebrandt.

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AT COST.

We will hereafter confine our business exclusively to military, and will sell our stock of notions now on hand at cost.

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The \$6.00 Suit at B. Stine's an immense bargain.

Nov 15 dwdkwyf

'CHEAP CHARLEY'

ONE PRICE ONLY.



THE POOR MAN'S FRIEND.

THE BATTLE IS OVER. And the Wounded Little Middleman is Groaning in Decatur.

CHEAP CHARLEY IS VICTORIOUS THE SLAUGHTER OF THE WICKED CONTINUES. AND THE PEOPLE HAVE AT LAST ACHIEVED THEIR RIGHTS.

THEY CAN BUY CLOTHING,

OR "Cheap Charley" at 25 per cent. below any regular list prices. The reason you can buy at "Cheap Charley" at such low prices, is because the Manufacturer and

SELLS ONLY CLOTHING OF HIS OWN MANUFACTURE.

Therefore, it is impossible for a Little Middleman to Compete with Him.

If one merchant is more enterprising than others, and sells goods of his own manufacture at lower prices than all others, and the people will flock to his store and buy of him, of course the middleman will "squeak," but that cannot be helped. We shall continue to sell as low as ever.

Our prices in Clothing, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes and Gents' Furnishing Goods are lower than ever. One price only.

IF GOODS NOT AS REPRESENTED, THE MONEY WILL BE cheerfully REFUNDED.

CHEAP CHARLEY, Corner East Main and Water Streets, Decatur, Ill.

Corner Main and Water Sts., Decatur, Iowa.

HEADQUARTERS—72 NORTH CLARK ST., CHICAGO, ILLS.

Kaufman & Bachrach.

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FOUND AT LAST HARD COAL BASE BURNERS!

—Via The—

CROWN JEWEL. GOOD RECORD.

Which is an Excellent Stove and at

Very Low Prices

For Soft Coal call and see the

CROWN DIAMOND, Revolution and Rotary

Also a full assortment of all kinds of

COAL & WOOD STOVES.

—A Full Line of—

HARDWARE, TINWARE,

ETC., ETC.,

'RICES GREATLY REDUCED'

R. C. CROCKER,

Oct 11—dwdkwyf

No. 9 Water Street.

IN BANKRUPTCY—No. 2061.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE, that on the 10th day of December, A. D. 1877, a Warrant in Bankruptcy was issued against the Estate of Samuel F. Kneier, of Decatur, in the County of Macon and State of Illinois, who has been adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt, to him or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him or for his use, is prohibited by law; that a meeting of the Creditors of said bankrupt, to prove their debts, and to choose one or more Assignees of his Estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy to be held at Decatur, in the County of Macon, before James F. Lake, Receiver, on the 24 day of January, A. D. 1878, at 10 o'clock a. m.

U. S. Marshal as Messenger, Southern District of Illinois.

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LOT FOR SALE.

Lot 7, Block 2, West & Co's Addition to Decatur. Lot fronts 40 feet on Mason Street and runs through to the Washell Hall. It will be sold cheap for cash. Inquire of HENRY DILL.

Oct 10 dwdkwyf

The Poor Man's Friend Outgenerated

NO SHODDY CLOTHING.



B. STINE, 'THE BOSS CLOTHIER.'

HAS AND CONTINUES TO TURN THE VICTORY CLAIMED BY THE "POOR MAN'S FRIEND," INTO A DISASTROUS DEFEAT.

His Army of Customers weaken the center of the struggling forces of the "Poor Man's Friend," and the remaining squad of Charles the Tailor, is taking refuge at B. STINE'S Clothing Store. The defeat accomplished without bloodshed.

A Superior Class of Clothing, at Lower Prices than Any Man who Claims to Manufacture His Own, is taking the Field.

THE SO-CALLED "LITTLE MIDDLEMAN" IS THE ENVY OF THE "END-MAN."

OUR OVERCOATS.

The \$4.50 Chinchilla Overcoat. The \$6.00 Chinchilla Overcoat. The \$8.00 Chinchilla Overcoat. The \$10.00 Chinchilla Overcoat. The \$12.00 Chinchilla Overcoat. The Boss Chinchilla Overcoat. An Immense Stock of Beaver Overcoats.

Our Business Suits.

Our \$6.00 Cassimere Suits. Our \$8.00 Cassimere Suits. Our \$10.00 Cassimere Suits. The Best Working Pants in America at \$1.25.

COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF.

B. Stine, 'the Boss Clothier,'

Central Block, Old Square, Decatur, Ill.

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BUY THE BEST!



Steinway's Pianos

ALWAYS VICTORIOUS.

Two Medals of Honor and Two Diplomas of Merit, at the International Exhibition 1876, for the "Highest Degree of Excellence in all their Styles." Warranted for any length of time.

ALSO, THE FAMOUS AND FAVORITE

"GEORGE STECK" PIANO,

A First-Class Instrument, at a moderate price, fully warranted for five years. Other makes from \$200 upward. Terms easy. The

"MASON & HAMLIN" ORGANS!

Have not only been AWARDED THE MEDAL AND DIPLOMA OF HONOR, but have been unanimously designated by the judges as the several competitors of such instruments, being the only organs designed this rank.

PELOUBET, PELTON & CO.'S STANDARD ORGANS

Noted for Superior Excellence in Tone, Design and Finish, and Economy in Cost. A New and Superior Portable Organ.

"CAMPANELLA"

Second-Hand Instruments Taken in Exchange for New Ones.

A Complete Assortment of SMALL INSTRUMENTS, STRINGED, STRINGED, etc., always on hand at

J. GOLDSTEIN'S

Music Store, Water Street, Decatur, Ill.

Dec. 10 dwdkwyf

NOTICE.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED at the County Clerk's office on the 25th day of December, 1877, at the hour of one o'clock, p. m., for employing a county physician for the poor farm, county jail and pauper hospital for the year commencing January 1st, 1878. The physician to furnish all medicines and attendants, and to furnish all necessary surgical operations.

J. W. BRENNEMAN, J. N. LINGGHEET, R. H. WARD, WILLIAM OLSON, Committee.

Dec. 10 dwdkwyf

BUY FOR A CHRISTMAS GIFT!

One of these superb GROUPS OF STATUARY, By ROGERS.

For Sale at New York prices, by J. Goldstein,

Dec. 10 dwdkwyf

Revolvers

The Daily Republican.

HAMSHER & MOSSER, PUBLISHERS
DECATUR, ILLINOIS.

SATI HAY EVENING, DECEMBER 15, 1877.

Why should the *Star* make a specialty of Harry Holmes' saloon on the levee? "If men must drink," why should the *Star* direct them to the depot to get their nip? Is it because Harry Holmes is a temperance man, or does the *Star* man think Harry keeps a temperance saloon?

A DISPATCH from Columbia, South Carolina, to the *New York Times* says that Governor Hampton refuses to be a party to any arrangement relieving Senator Patterson from prosecution, and is determined that criminal proceedings shall be instituted. This means that Patterson is to be driven out of the Senate unless he is clear beyond the reach of Hampton's malice. Even his services in helping to seat Hamblin Butler will not protect him.

In the *Star* of this morning, Kimball says, in speaking of the newspaper business:

As usually conducted it is a swindle; nine out of ten newspaper publishers outgrow their friends.

Most men speak on any given subject according as their experiences have been; Kimball does the same, and no body will question his right to count himself one of the "nine."

The *Albany Journal* has arrived at the conclusion that cavillation does not conciliate, and, quoting the recent utterances of Democratic papers in South Carolina, says: "These words mean that at the chief city of a State which has been confederated to the top of its bent, white Democrats are as intolerant, as vindictive, as mean, as an American as ever. They mean that South Carolina, so far as William Hampton's party is concerned, still holds that a negro who has it in mind to vote the Republican ticket has no rights which his political opponents are not bound to violate."

The *New York Tribune* deprecates the contest between the President and the Senate over certain appointments to office, because it looks too much like a contest for spoils, and because a victory by either party cannot be regarded as a clean triumph for civil service reform. It more than hints that this last phrase is pretty badly bedraggled, and fears that unless our rulers can make some more consistent endeavors to redeem their pledges, when the next platform is read before a national convention, the regulation civil-service plank will be greeted with shouts of derisive laughter.

There is still a confusing tangle in French politics. No sooner has President McMahon made concessions to the Republicans than the Bonapartists notify him of their hostility. This will have the effect to break the Conservative combination, and, this once broken, it is reasonable to suppose that the President will gravitate to the Republicans. His staunchest friends, it is said, protest against his resignation, and all the friends of the present constitution would, doubtless, rather have him continue in office than take the chances of the confusion that might follow his resignation. It is to the interest of the Bonapartist leaders to precipitate a crisis that will end in revolution. They have made their purpose so evident that the moderate men of all parties should not hesitate to unite against them.

EVERYBODY remembers the happy hit of Col. S. Hays, who in a moment of gaudy loyalty, declared himself "in favor of the old flag—and an appropriation." There are a good many men in the South like him, and some of them have got into Congress. One of them, the Hon. Cassius Young, of Tennessee, has introduced a bill which embodies a pet scheme of these hungry patriots, and asks Congress to appropriate \$45,000,000 to carry it out. The scheme is to build about 1,270 miles of levees along the banks of the Mississippi river, thereby confining it to its channel, preventing overflows, and greatly enhancing the value of contiguous plantations. There is no doubt, we presume, that \$45,000,000 expended in that way would be of considerable advantage to the property-owners along the Mississippi, and so would similar protective earthworks at different points along the Walbach and many other northern streams, but we have never heard of Northern farmers asking for any such legislation from Congress. Yet this levee scheme is advocated by a considerable portion of the Southern press, and favored by a majority of Southern congressmen. If it should become a law Congress might about as well attempt to fill up the channel of the Mississippi with greenbacks, for the government would be bankrupt before ever the levee would be finished. —*Indianapolis Journal*.

See J. Goldstein's new advertisement, and examine the Christmas novelties at his music store. Dec 14 dlv

NOT PERMANENT IN THIS INSTANCE.

In the *Decatur Local Review* of December 6 appeared a long and well-written editorial, under the caption, "Is the Reform Permanent?" In that article the editor discussed the question, whether it was reasonable to hope that the great temperance reform would be permanent, and strong arguments were adduced to prove the affirmative of the proposition. As exceptions, however, to his expectations in the matter of permanent reformation, he editor of the *Review* enumerates a class for whom he has no hope. He speaks of them in this wise:

To be sure there are, in this army, as in all armies, bunnies, suttlers and deserters—detestable beings who are there to retrieve their sinking fortunes and their blasted reputations, to obtain political or social preferment, or some other sinister motives. But the opposers of the reform should not judge this general and glorious army by these miscreants who, while in this army, are not of it, for their speech betrays them.—In my efforts they may make, either in public or private, in writing or speaking, they show that the spirit of bitterness, animosity and hatred rankles in their depraved hearts, instead of acting "With malice toward none, with charity for all." Hence these patriotic bunnies can not speak of any engaged in the liquor traffic without denouncing them as red-handed murderers, fiends incarnate, and as worse than horse-thieves, when, in many instances, the men thus denounced are far better than their denouncers, who, until a recent date, did very much, by their influence and votes, to throw around the liquor traffic the sanction of law, and the garb of respectability—even going so far as to commend their drinks and saloons to a thirsty public and cheerfully taking the liquor dealer's shovels as pay for the same. Again, if they can find men who have led lives of temperance and sobriety always, who do not just at once fall in with their requirements, they at once attack them with the ferocity of a hyena and the rapacity of a vulture, until their fury weakens and exhausts them, but harms not those whom they assail. The outcroppings of this malevolent, overbearing spirit, were evinced in this country, in the attacks on Judge Greer, Supervisor Ward and Justice Jones, all of whom have led sober, temperate, Christian lives from their youth, and whose voices and influence have always been in favor of the temperance reform.

We had scarcely supposed that the man at whom the *Review* evidently aimed the above remarks would fall from grace so soon, but this morning the *Star* contains the following editorial puff:

In addition to running the American Hotel, Harry Holmes has engaged in the whiskey business, on the levee, in Carroll's block. Harry does not wear the blue ribbon, but he claims to be a temperance man, glad to see the boys quit drinking and all that, but if people will drink, he's ready to supply all who call at his place of business.

And here we have the sad spectacle of the fall of the most unanimous, uncompromising, rancorous blue ribbon reformer of the day. In the short space of a few brief months he has become so lukewarm as to totally disregard that part of his much-vaunted pledge, "to use all honorable means to induce others to abstain," and for the pitiful sum of ten cents per line informs those who are earnestly struggling to reform, that Harry Holmes is ready to supply with drink all who call at his place of business. Mr. Holmes has done a fine stroke of business—he has secured the assistance of the champion reformer in placing his "piper" under the very noses of the men who are faithfully endeavoring to keep away from the places where it is sold. Out upon such a reformer!

Dr. Shiloh's System Vitalizer.

We are authorized to guarantee this remedy for the cure of Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Sour Stomach, Constipation, Loss of Appetite, Coughing up of Food, Yellow Skin, and General Languor and Debility. You must acknowledge that this would be ruinous unless we had positive evidence that it will cure. You who are suffering from these complaints, these words are addressed—and will continue to suffer when you can be cured on such terms. It is for you to determine—Sample bottles 10 cents, regular size 75 cents. Sold by Dr. A. J. Stoner.

\$50,000 die annually by neglecting a Cough, Cold or Croup, often leading to Consumption and the grave. Why will you neglect so important a matter when you can get an out-stare Smoker's Cough-remedy, with the assurance of a speedy recovery. For soreness across the chest and lungs or lame back or side, Simon's Pectoral Frictioner gives prompt relief. Sold by Dr. A. J. Stoner.

HACKBERRY, a popular and fragrant perfume. Sold by Dr. A. J. Stoner. Dec 14 dlv

The Possession of riches will bring you no enjoyment unless you have good health; therefore, if you are troubled with any Disease of the Heart, no matter how slight, it is well to look to its immediate cure. Your physician may say, "I will give you relief," but notice he does not say he will cure but in Dr. Graves' HEART REGULATOR we have a cure, and can substantiate it by the many testimonials we have received. Among the many forms of Heart Disease are Palpitation, Enlargement, Spasms of the Heart, Stopping of the action of the Heart, Trembling all over and about the Heart, Oscillation or Bony Formation of the Heart, Rheumatism, General Debility and Stinking of the Spirits. Send your name to F. E. ISCOLES, Concord, N. H., for a circular containing a list of testimonials of cures, &c.

Dr. Graves' HEART REGULATOR is for sale by druggists; price 50 cents and \$1 per bottle. Dec. 13-dlv

PRESS OPINIONS.

Bloomington Leader.

If Senator Davis, of Illinois, really believed that Butler Butler, of South Carolina, ought to have been admitted to a seat in the senate, it was a cowardly piece of business for him to refuse to vote for his admission. If, on the other hand, he did not believe that Butler deserved admission, his failure to vote against him was a shameful shirking of responsibility, for his vote against Butler would have made a tie, and thus prevented his admission. Let our his senator take either position, and his failure to vote is utterly indefensible. But it may possibly be claimed that the senator was not fully satisfied in his own mind how he ought to vote. Well, it was his business then to satisfy himself, but it must be remembered that Senator Davis voted in favor of taking the matter out of the hands of the committee, and thereby virtually said that he did not need any more light upon the subject. We very much fear that Judge Davis, in descending from the supreme bench and entering the political arena, made the grand mistake of his life. It needs men of manly courage, not dodgers, to make their marks in the senate of the United States. Merely looking wise before the battle, and then turning tail to both of the contending armies when it comes to the test, will never enable Senator Davis to plant his corporosity in the presidential chair.

Louisville Courier-Journal.

No wonder Kentucky gets rich no faster. Our butter comes from New York, our apple butter from Philadelphia. Why, the old board fences are actually plastered over with advertisements of Philadelphia mince meat.—There is always a great stream of money flowing eastward, and every man, woman and child in the west is continually throwing something into it. It is a river that flows East, it is a brook that flows West.

Philadelphia Times.

Isn't it possible that some other than an Ohioan can be named for the presidency? Here comes the Dayton Democrat, which is very democratic and very soft on the money question, with this important announcement: "It is said that Mr. Garfield is the choice of eastern money rings for president in 1880." If the Dayton Democrat hadn't said this we wouldn't have believed it.

Washington Post.

To escape from the hall of the house, where dreary debates about expositions are in order, to the hall of the lecture, affords Mr. Cox a relief similar to that which the hardy laborer experiences when he leaves off sawing wood and takes to splitting. Mr. Cox loves politics, and the heart will cease to pant for running brooks when he loses his affection for statesmanship.

Chicago Inter-Ocean.

A disposition to revive the franking privilege crops up in congress. Is it possible to elect men to the national legislature who will not immediately feel themselves aggrieved unless they are permitted to use the mails for nothing. We advise the members to think twice before they revive this scandalous abuse.

National Republican.

It is said that Senator Patterson proposes to return to South Carolina in January and make arrangements for his trial and admission to bail. He says he believes that there is a change in public sentiment there, which will insure him a fair trial.

Mr. Patterson, the successful contestant for the seat in Congress from Colorado, owes to one of the most shameful outrages ever perpetrated by a partisan majority the fact that he is not now a mendicant, but only a robber. That which he had begged for so long he has at last stolen outright, aided in the theft by 116 Democrats no honest man himself. In vain the Republicans appealed back to the people of Colorado. The Democrats, fearful lest their dishonorable course toward the people of that State should react upon them in the return of Belford by a largely-increased majority, refusing to run any such risk, but committed the injustice of using their numerical strength to award the seat to a man who cannot by any pretense whatever be shown to have been elected. It was an act of unprincipled partisanship that will be found to have cost them dearly when the day of reckoning comes.

The Dallas, Texas, *Herald* paints a gloomy picture of the labor market in that city. It says, "Each fresh-arriving train but adds to the miserable multitude that suffers, starves and finally fights its way back to the east again. Before the door of nearly every house there daily begs a swarm that would sadden the heart of a satyr."

Plastering and Cementing.—D. B. Kaufman hereby announces that during the winter he will attend promptly to all orders for repairing of house plastering and cementing cisterns. All work done in a thorough manner, and satisfaction guaranteed. [Nov. 23-dlv]

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 13.—Gov. Cullom, Railway Commissioner Oberly, President Ackerman, and Auditor Welling, of the Illinois Central Railroad, returned to New Orleans to-day, after a thorough investigation of the jeties. The result of the inspection is in the highest degree satisfactory to all the parties. Gov. Cullom is enthusiastic upon the jetty scheme and the new route to Liverpool. He dined with Gov. Nichols this evening. Tomorrow the party go to Mobile, and will return north on the Mobile & Ohio railroad, possibly taking in Memphis.

Later.—Owing to the intense interest felt by merchants here in reference to the proposed Northwestern trade, Gov. Cullom has consented to remain another day. He will address the members of the Exchange to-morrow in favor of reciprocity with Illinois.

TELEGRAPHIC.

WASHINGTON.

THE POLITICAL POT BUBBLING.

Conkling and Gordon
Lock Horns.

Serious Results Feared.

Gov. Cullom in the South

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—There was no formal mention in cabinet today of the action of the senate upon the New York nominations. The course of the administration on this subject was fully considered before these nominations were made, and there is no intention on the part of the president to swerve from his fixed determination in the matter. He claims the right to select his own men to execute his own measures. When the change in the custom house officers at New York was determined upon, it was not with any reflection upon the character and efficiency of the incumbents, but as the report of the custom house commission recommended certain reforms it was necessary and judicious to inaugurate these reforms by the appointment of new men. This, it was thought, would be the most efficient means of carrying into effect the plans of the administration. Upon this same principle, it is already intimated that other nominations for these positions will be submitted to the senate when congress reassembles.

In the republican senatorial caucus, this morning, the report of the committee charged with the investigation of the affairs of sergeant-at-arms French, was submitted, and although the full seriousness of the charges against him were not sustained, it was shown he had done many things which were of a questionable character, and should receive the attention of the senate. After discussion, it was indicated that about twenty-five senators were in favor of a new appointment, but, as the time was short, it was determined to delay further action until after the reassembling of the senate. Mr. Ordway, ex-charge-at-arms of the house, is making strong efforts for the position, but with no probability of securing the appointment. Should a change be made, there is every prospect that assistant doorkeeper Christy will secure the vacancy. There is also a movement on foot to give this place to ex-Gov. Packard, of Louisiana, should these efforts now being made to secure his nomination as collector of the port of New Orleans prove unsuccessful.

The President's policy of conciliating the Democrats is having but little effect on the house, the committee on ways and means having reported a resolution to-day to authorize any of the standing committee of the house to investigate the affairs of the executive departments if they saw fit.

In the executive session this afternoon, considerable excitement was created by some heated words between Senator Conkling, of New York, and Gordon, of Georgia, which, it is intimated to-night, may lead to personal consequences of a serious character. From what can be learned it appears that Gordon had the floor and demanded the report of the committee on the nomination of Smith, for collector of customs, at Mobile, Ala. Senator Spooner, of the committee on commerce, had been directed to make a report on this nomination, but before this was done Senator Conkling said, "We had better go on with the calendar." Gen. Gordon spoke up in reply, and said that the Senator from New York was not authorized under the rules to give orders to the Vice President. Mr. Conkling then replied that the statement that he gave orders to the Vice President, made by the Senator from Georgia, was not true. Senator Gordon then restated what he had said, and it was again pronounced to be untrue by Senator Conkling. The scene by this time had grown to be very exciting, and the Senators left their seats and grouped in the centre aisle. Senator Gordon replied to Senator Conkling's last remarks by saying, "Very well, we will settle that." "Yes," replied Senator Conkling, "we can settle it now." Senator Gordon, with very marked emphasis, replied, "We will not settle here, now." At this juncture personal friends of either Senator attempted to make peace, but failed. Mr. Conkling started at a late hour to-night that he had no intention to reflect upon the veracity of Senator Gordon. At a late hour to-night all attempts to bring about an understanding had failed, and everything seems to indicate a very serious termination to the affair. Both of the Senators are determined men, and it is hard to predict what will be the result.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The *Post*, in its leading editorial, this morning, says it is understood that the British Cabinet, yesterday, had before them a circular from the Porte intimating its willingness to accept the mediation of Europe. The *Post* asserts that the guarantees of good government furnished by the new constitution are far more advantageous than would be the establishment of autonomous states, which can only lead to a disintegration of the Empire. The *Post*, however, considers that there are no present prospects of acceptance of mediation, as Germany is hostile thereto, and any offer on the part of England is not likely to be well received by Russia.

GEORGETOWN, Col., Dec. 14.—Judge Dean, of Hot Sulphur Springs, Middle Park, arrived here, this evening, and reports his court yesterday broken up by a mob. Half a dozen men entered the court room peacefully, and having first arranged themselves suitably to their purpose, the ringleader, said to be a deputy sheriff elect, began the reading of what purported to be a warrant, commanding Judge Dean to disperse his so-called court and deliver up the books and seal. Dean commanded him to sit down, and threatened to place him in arrest, laying his hand upon his shoulder. Just then Dean was struck back of the ear, and the pretended officer drew a revolver and shot at Dean, the ball passing close to his head. There was a general rush and although revolvers were held at his head, Dean succeeded in locking up the records and seals. He is on his way to Denver to ask Gov. Routt to assist in restoring order. With such a mob hounding him he dares not open court.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—Judgment for \$39,000 was rendered in favor of the First National Bank against J. D. Eyster & Co., manufacturers of agricultural implements, 11 to 18 South Canal street, in the circuit court this morning. On inquiry, it was learned that this was only one of several cases against the firm, and an investigation at their place of business revealed that the firm had made an assignment to Mr. M. E. Holton. Heretofore the firm has been doing a large business, and was supposed to be solid.

Choice Bulk Oysters to-day, at 25 cents per quart, at Amboden's Oyster House, 21 South Main street. Dec 14-dlv

Notwithstanding the blowing and howling of the "Poor Man's Friend," the people of Decatur and vicinity are getting their eyes open to the fact that B. Stine, the Boss Clothier, carries the largest stock, only the best of goods, and sells them for less money than any man who claims to be "the poor man's friend."

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Nov 28 dlv

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It is the duty of every person who has used Boscawen's GREAT SYRUP to let its wonderful qualities be known to their friends in curing Consumption, severe Coughs, Croup, Asthma, Pneumonia, and in fact all throat and lung diseases. No person can use it without immediately feeling the good effects, with relief coming on, and we consider it the duty of all druggists to recommend it to the poor dying consumptive, at least to try one bottle, as 40,000 dozen bottles were sold last year, and no one case where it failed was reported. Such a medicine as the GREAT SYRUP cannot be too widely known. Ask your druggist about it. Sample bottles to try sold at 10 cents. Regular size 75 cts. For sale by A. J. Stoner, B. F. Gue & Son and Theo. Hildebrandt. Oct. 11-dlv

The Superiority of the "Hersome Gaiter" over all other shoes of similar fastenings, has induced irresponsible parties to copy the name and style as near as possible, in order to sell their common or inferior goods. Remember the name, "Hersome Gaiter," is stamped on the lining of every pair, and sold only by BARNES & BAKER. All others are mere imitations and frauds. Dec. 13-dlv

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Does not that sound like the story of the felon running away from his pursuers? "Stop the thief!" Is it not the best acknowledgment of the superiority of our goods, and our low prices, when our competitors turn point blank against us. Cheap Charley quotes no prices, but proves himself the poor man's friend by underselling every one and every thing, simply by selling retail at wholesale prices. dlv

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SATURDAY EVE, DEC. 22,

Opens at W. R. ARBOTHNOT'S JEWELRY STORE, AT 10 A. M., MONDAY, DEC. 17th.

List of subscribers for this great Musical event is now at Mr. Arborthnot's store, where all who desire to attend may give their names and secure the first choice of seats.

Note the Popular Prices.

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